

I am appalled at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary before the election. I am deeply concerned that an information-distributing service can air propaganda on public airwaves disguised as a legitimate news story.

I remember during the first Gulf War, Americans were criticizing Saddam Hussein for telling his people that they were winning the war, that we were killing babies, etc, on the news stations in Iraq. We thought the people were being deceived and deprived of their rights by the dictator.

Did we not learn anything from Fascist Germany? By systematically filtering the type of information that the public receives, we remove one of the most effective safeguards against the 'sheep mentality' that allowed the Holocaust to happen.

The decision to prostitute the public trust by Sinclair stations shows why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

I plead for someone with a sense of reason and duty in the FCC to reevaluate this abuse of public interests.